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FOR CONGRESS:  
MILTON A. CANDLER.

CROPS IN GEORGIA.

The September report of the state de-  
partment of agriculture puts the yield  
of corn at thirty-four per cent more  
than the crop of the previous year, or  
about one-fifth more than an average  
crop.

This great and glorious result  
was produced at a cost of forty-three  
cents a bushel, or thirteen cents less  
than the average cost of a  
bushel last year. Commissioner Janes  
enlarges on the subject in this manner:

"With a supply of home made corn in  
their cribs, farmers can reduce the  
production of every crop cultivated, and at  
the same time raise more and better  
steak, keep their plow animals in better  
working condition, and largely reduce  
the percentage of death. The time  
formerly spent in hauling corn from the  
depot will now be devoted to productive  
labor. No more horses and mules  
will be lost by eating damaged Western  
corn. No more ruinous interest bills  
in corn, advanced to make cotton. No  
more musty bread from corn that had  
been heated in bulk. More pleasant  
than all else, however, is the thought  
that the farmer may again feel the  
ennobling influence of that independence  
which full cranes and smoke house—the  
latter will naturally follow the former  
—freedom from debt and anxiety for  
the future, import to the tiller of the soil."

The cotton crop, in spite of the  
severe drought, exceeds its predeces-  
sor fifteen and a half per cent. Early  
picking is generally reported, and many  
counties will flush by the first of No-  
vember. Nearly all the crop will cer-  
tainly be saved in good condition,  
and will command a nearly uniform  
price. As to the other crops, sugar cane  
has suffered from the drought, but the crop will be nearly an  
average one, sorghum will yield fine,  
this year, and so will chufas and Ger-  
man millet. Field and ground peas,  
turnips, and sweet potatoes, except the  
early varieties, have been reduced in  
yield by the dry weather."

We give in full the commissioner's  
observations on the subject of small  
grains: "A disposition to sow more largely in wheat and oats  
is generally indicated by correspondents, but the season has been so dry  
that but little has been sown. Some  
that was sown early died under the  
combined effects of drought and a  
scorching sun. It is not too late, how-  
ever, to seed a full crop in middle and  
lower Georgia. The cotton crop is ad-  
mirable opportunity for seeding small  
grain after the crop is gathered. The  
large crop produced this year in  
Georgia was the financial salvation of  
many farmers who had neither money  
nor credit with which to purchase  
corn. Farmers are again urged to seed  
down a broad area in small grain, and  
especially in oats. If sown in the fall  
either the winter grazing or red rust  
proof varieties should be sown. None  
but the rust proof is certain for a crop  
sown in the spring. In considera-  
tion of the general failure of the turnip-  
crop, more small grain should be  
sown for winter and spring pasture.  
For this purpose rye is excellent if  
sown on rich land. In middle and  
lower Georgia the small grained, early  
varieties of wheat should be sown, and  
as a general thing, red wheat will be  
more certain than white in warm  
climates."

Several gratifying facts are disclosed  
in the report relating to the hog crop  
of the state. The porcine animal has  
been unusually exempt from disease  
this year, only six per cent, dying from  
cholera. The number of hogs was seven  
per cent greater than at the  
corresponding period of the last  
year, and they are generally larger.  
The stock of cattle and sheep, has also improved, and altogether the  
commissioner presents us with a  
very gratifying report—a report  
that proves, no matter what the condition of the rest of the  
country may be, that we can secure  
plenty and even independence. An  
easy winter is ahead of us, and the  
reason is plain and simple. Full corn  
grits from Duke to Clinch, from Fulton  
and Gadsden—overflowing cribs and  
granaries—comfort and prosperity.

## FAILURES OF 1876.

The quarterly circular of Messrs. A.  
G. Dun & Co. presents some figures  
that are far from satisfactory, at least  
at first sight. For they show an in-  
crease in mercantile failures over the  
preceding quarter of twenty-five per  
cent. We give the relative quarterly  
figures of the past and current years:

| 1875              | 1876              |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| No. Liabilities   | No. Liabilities   |
| \$43,172,000      | \$2,908,000       |
| Second year 1,501 | Second year 1,501 |
| Third year 71     | Third year 71     |
| Fourth year 50    | Fourth year 50    |

The improvement in business has  
not resulted in a lessened number of  
failures. This is a disappointment; but  
when we examine the figures carefully  
it is seen that the average amount of  
liabilities has materially decreased. The  
average amount of liabilities for each  
failure in the last quarter is \$19,500,  
against \$24,300 in the preceding quarter,  
and against \$30,600 in the correspond-  
ing quarter of 1875. Taking the average  
of the whole seven quarters of  
the two years thus elapsed, the in-  
debtedness involved in each failure of  
the past three months is \$5,000 less  
than for the quarter preceding. Two  
inferences are drawn from this reduction  
of the proportionate liabilities—  
first, that smaller traders have been  
yielding to the pressure of the times,  
and there is little hope of its disappear-  
ance within three weeks. Mr. Mc-  
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march of the terrible plague. It kills  
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MOTH-EATEN.

I had a beautiful garment. And laid it away with care. I had a coat with lavender leaves. I am a. in a robe. "It's far too costly a robe," I said. "For one like me to wear."

A few moments of silence. I lay down on the chaise longue. In the perfumed dust rose. Till all was hidden.

Till many a day had gone.

There were few who stood at my portal. There were friends who sought my care. And laid it down in the sobering silence. I knew that I owned a beautiful robe. Though its splendor might see.

There were poor who stood at my portal. They were orphans who sought my care. I gave a garment. But had nothing to spare. But had nothing to spare.

I had only the robe. And laid it down in the silence. And went to my daily work.

At last, on a frosty day's morning.

I awoke in my dreamy slumber.

I would please myself with the lustre of the robe. And laid it down in the silence. I would walk with pride in the marvel of its rarely rich design.

From the dust I rose.

The robe had faded away.

And laid it down in the silence.

To the searching light of the day.

What glory had perished with the robe.

Who seeks for the ladies beauty.

Must seek her robes. That sees.

To the grace of a constant blessing.

The beauty that use reveals.

For in the robe the ladies beauty.

the robe with its brightening steals.

